

II. CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (Currently Amended) A keyboard arrangement including several keys for inputting characters by pressing the keys, the keyboard arrangement comprising:

at least one key actuatable in at least two different ways depending on a pressure distribution thereon;

a detector for detecting the pressure distribution on the at least one key, wherein predetermined characters are related to each of the at least one keys, and at least one of the predetermined characters of a pressed key is first selected on the basis of a sectional pressure distribution of the pressed key, ~~and the selected character is included in a first candidate group of characters;~~ and

a processor operable to perform a first comparison of a combination of previously inputted characters and the at least one first candidate group of selected characters to a storage of words of a defined language, and to accept one of the at least one first selected characters ~~of the first candidate group of characters~~ as a desired character if the first comparison is successful,

wherein the processor is further operable to automatically perform a second comparison of a combination of previously inputted characters and at least one character that is related to the pressed key and not one of the first selected characters and not indicated by said sectional pressure distribution ~~a second candidate group of characters~~ to the storage of ~~set of stored~~ words if and only if the first comparison is unsuccessful, ~~where the~~

~~second character group includes a second character of the predetermined characters related to the pressed key,~~

~~wherein the first and second group of characters are groups of characters where each successive character is correspondingly related to one of the at least one keys that is pressed successively.~~

2. (Previously Presented) The keyboard arrangement of claim 1, wherein the first and second comparisons include performing linguistic disambiguation.

3. (Previously Presented) The keyboard arrangement of claim 1, further comprising substantially a QWERTY-keyboard.

4. (Previously Presented) The keyboard arrangement of claim 1, wherein the detector includes at least two pressure sensitive and/or touch sensitive detectors attached to different locations of the key.

5. (Previously Presented) The keyboard arrangement of claim 1, wherein the detector includes a movement sensitive detector attached to the key.

6. (Previously Presented) The keyboard arrangement of claim 1, wherein the at least one key is triangular in shape or has three arms.

7. (Previously Presented) The keyboard arrangement of claim 6, wherein the detector includes means for detecting the pressure of the alternative corners/arms of the key.

8. (Original) A keyboard arrangement in accordance with claim 1, characterised in that the keys form two rows of keys and the keys of the two rows are interlaced.

9. (Original) A keyboard arrangement in accordance with claim 8, characterised in that the keys form a first row of keys and a second row of keys, the two rows of keys comprising three rows of characters marked on the keys, wherein the upmost row of characters is marked to the first row of keys, the middle row of characters is marked alternately to the first and the second row of keys and the lowest row of characters is marked to the second row of keys.

10. (Original) A keyboard in accordance with claim 1, characterised in that it is a keyboard of a mobile station.

11. (Original) A keyboard in accordance with claim 1, characterised in that it is a keyboard of a computer.

12. (Currently Amended) A method for inputting characters with a keyboard comprising:

relating predetermined characters to each of one or more keys;

first selecting at least one of the predetermined characters on the basis of a sectional pressure distribution of a pressed key;

~~including the selected character in a first candidate group of characters;~~

comparing a combination of previously inputted characters and the at least one first character candidate group of first selected characters to a set of stored words;

accepting one of the at least one first selected characters ~~of the first candidate group of characters~~ as a desired character if the comparison of a combination of that the

first character and previously inputted characters
~~candidate group~~ to the set of stored words is successful;

automatically selecting including a second character that
is one of the predetermined characters related to the
pressed key and not one of the first selected characters
and not indicated by said sectional pressure distribution
~~in a second character group~~ if and only if the comparison
of the combinations of previously inputted characters and
the first selected characters first character candidate
~~group~~ to the set of stored words is unsuccessful, and
performing a comparison of a combination of previously
inputted characters and said second character to the set of
stored words, ~~and~~

~~automatically performing a comparison of the second~~
~~character candidate group to the set of stored words,~~

~~wherein the first and second group of characters are groups~~
~~of characters where each successive character is~~
~~correspondingly related to one of the at least one keys~~
~~that is pressed successively.~~

13. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 12, wherein
the pressure distribution is provided by pressing alternative
corners or arms of a key.

14. (Cancelled)

15. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 12, wherein
comparing the combination of previously inputted characters and
the at least one first selected characters first and second
~~candidate groups~~ to the set of stored words comprises applying
an algorithm based on comparison with at least one of known

vocabulary, probability of successive characters, frequency of words in language, sentence structure, topic or paragraph context.

16. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 12 applied with a QWERTY-keyboard.

17. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 12, wherein the key is on a mobile station.

18. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 12, wherein the key is on a computer.

19.-21. (Cancelled)

22. (Previously Presented) A method for recognizing a character from a pressed key on a keyboard comprising:

recognizing the pressed key based on pressure on the pressed key;

suggesting a first character from a plurality of characters assigned to the pressed key as a result of a pressure distribution on the pressed key;

performing a first comparison of the suggested character to a character string to determine if the identified character is suitable with a previously selected character string;

performing a second comparison of the suggested character to the character string and to words and rules of a language to determine if the suggested character is suitable with the previously selected character string and the words and rules of the language;

performing a third comparison of the suggested character to at least one of sentence context, syntax, structure and language to determine if the suggested character is suitable with the at least one of sentence context, syntax, structure and language; and

automatically accepting the suggested character as the recognized character on the basis of the recognition of the pressed key, the pressure distribution of the pressed key, and the first, second, and third comparisons.